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International Search Report dated December 6, 2005 established in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2004/011130, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
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The relevancy of the documents identified in the appended international search report dated December 6, 2005 in PCT/EP2004/011130 is evident from the search report. It is to be noted that DE19803997 corresponds to U.S. 6,383,618.

The documents listed on the amended PTO Form PTO/SB/08A that are not listed in the international search report are discussed in the introductory portion of the specification of this application, from which the relevancy of the documents will be evident.

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English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to Applicants' attorney apart from English language abstracts that may be appended to the documents or corresponding English language patents identified herein.

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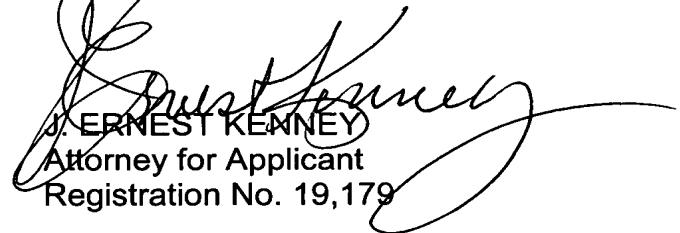
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